Mr. Prabhu's offer was not accepted because there are two branches, one in the Broadway and the other near the Huzur Jetty. So it was thought that there was no necessity for a new one.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)*: I ask the question whether near the shop of Mr. C. G. Sreenivasa Prabhu there are many eating-houses and coffee clubs. Is that place not near Government Offices, boat jetty and othar places ?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*: There is another branch of the Cochin Restaurant very close to the public offices.

CENTRAL FOOD ADVISORY COMMITTEE

258. Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi)*: Will Government be pleased to give a list of the members of the Central Food Advisory Committee;

(*b*) will Government be pleased to give the names of those members who are producers of agricultural products ?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*:

1. The Director of Food Supplies (Ex-Officio President)
2. The Deputy Director of Food Supplies, (Member)
3. M.R.Ry., Rao Sahib K. Ayyappan Avl., B.A., M. L. C.
4. ,, V. K. Bhaskara Menon Avl., B.A., B.Com., LL.B., M. L. C.
5. ,, K. T. Achuthan Avl., B.A., B.L., M. L. C.
6. ,, Rao Sahib M. Nanu Menon Avl., M. L. C.
7. ,, Joseph Petta Avl., M.A., (Hons) M. L. C.
8. ,, K. M. Ibrahim Avl., B.A., M. L. C.
9. ,, Koladi Rama Menon Avl.
10. ,, Ambat Kuttikrishna Menon Avl.
11. ,, R. P. Venketakrishna Ayyar Avl., B.A., B.L.
12. ,, P. C. Varkey Avl.
13. ,, C. A. Ouseph Avl., B.A. B.L.
14. The Personal Assistant to the Director of Food Supplies (Secretary)

(*b*) All the members of the Council except Nos. 1, 3, 8, 12 and 14 are producers of agricultural products.

PRICE OF PADDY

259. Mr. B. M. Peter *(Latin Christians-Mattancheri)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) what is the price paid for purchasing paddy from the agriculturist for the Kanni crops of 1119 and the present ruling rate of paddy in each Taluk;

(*b*) is there any difference in the wages in the agricultural labour between the last crop and the present crop ?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*:

(*a*) The price paid for the purchase of paddy from the agriculturists for the Kanni crop of 1119 is Rs. 1—6—0 per Mudra para throughout the State except in Chittur taluk where the purchase price of Anakomban paddy is fixed at Rs. 103—12—0 per cartload of 70 paras. This is also the present ruling rate.

(*b*) Yes.

Mr. B. M. Peter *(Latin-Christians-Mattancheri)*: May I know, what exactly is the difference between the wages that exist now and the previous days ?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*: In pre-war days a male cooly was getting about Rs. 1—4—0 whereas now it is about Rs. 1—8—0 and for the female cooly it was about 8 annas before and now it is about 10 annas.

CASE AGAINST Mr. P. K. KRISHNAN—INFORMATION ABOUT

260. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether the Government have issued any proceedings making special mention of the case against Mr. P. K. Krishnan, M.L.C., then pending before the Special First Class Magistrate, Ernakulam ;

(*b*) when was the case against Mr. P. K. Krishnan, M.L.C., (under the Rationing Order) charge sheeted;

(*c*) when was it calendared and when disposed of;

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